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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, mailing addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING PARTITIONED DATA RESOURCES

the specification of which

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on May 22, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/863,456 or PCT International Application Number and is amended herewith.

We hereby state that I we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national application or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(number)                      (country)                      (date filed)

☐ yes      ☒ no

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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